



Food Resource Bank

Overview

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Mission Statement *A Christian Response to World Hunger.*

Foods Resource Bank (FRB) is a Christian, non-government, humanitarian organization committed to providing food security in the developing world through sustainable small-scale agricultural production, thereby allowing hungry people to know the dignity of feeding themselves . . .



Who is Behind FRB:

15 Faith-Based Member Organizations



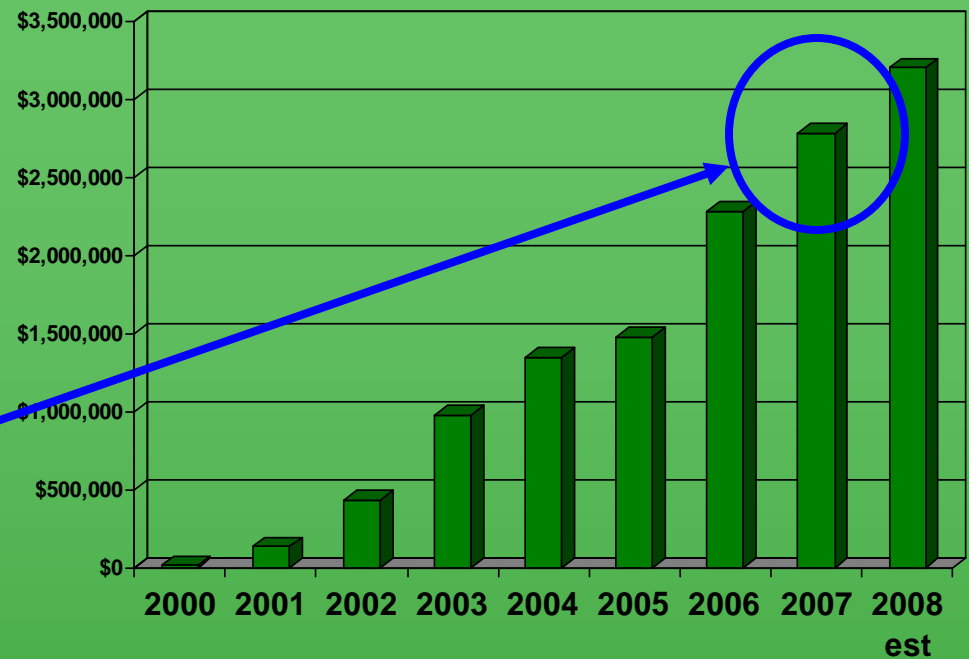
- Adventist Development & Relief Agency International
- Catholic Relief Services
- Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
- Christian Reformed World Relief Committee
- Church of the Brethren
- Church World Service (CWS)
- Evangelical Covenant Church
- Lutheran World Relief (LWR)
- Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)
- Nazarene Compassionate Ministries
- Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
- Reformed Church in America - Reformed Church World Service
- United Church of Christ
- United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)
- World Hope International

FRB in the USA

Community Growing Projects

2007: 207 in 20 States

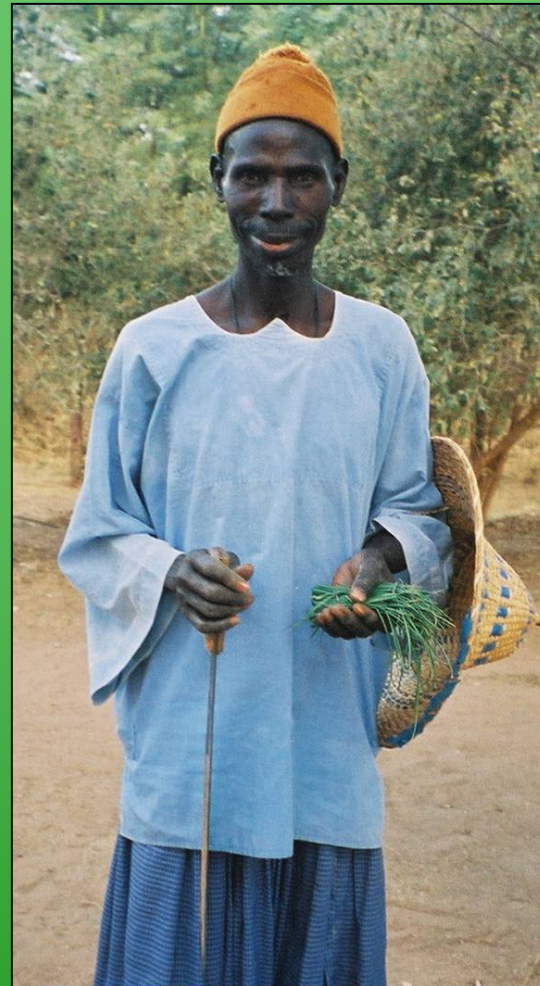
Raised **\$2.78 M**





How does FRB work Overseas?

- Partnership with “implementing (NGO) members”
- 58 active programs in 34 countries
- Focus: Agriculture & Ag Development
- Examples:
 - Small loans for chickens, pork, plantains, fruit trees in Columbia
 - New varieties of cassava and sweet potato in Zambia
 - Crop diversity and micro-credit in Tanzania



FRB in the US: How does it Work?

- All FRB faith-based members promote FRB to through their denomination
- Growing Project (Farmer) sets aside acres for FRB production
- Some obtain support for inputs (seed, fertilizer) from companies and/or Urban Churches
- Farmer grow commodity such as corn, soy bean, or any ag product
- Farmer sells commodity and contributes cash to denominational account with FRB account (or specific projects)
- Implementing (NGO) members apply and receive FRB grants for Ag Development projects
- NGO partners implement project





Keys to FRB's success

- Deep commitment of Farmers and volunteers from the start!
- Compelling (self-help) message linked with tangible action in US
- Programming through proven faith-based development organizations
- Start up support from USAID, Kellogg; ongoing support from Hewlett, Hilton, John Deere Foundation and Monsanto Fund
- Lean, dynamic grassroots organization with good leadership!



